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The thorough burning of Chinatown, however, was providential. There being imminent danger of a riot on the 20th, the two batteries of artillery were called out and are still on guard, but will return to camp to-day. Having obtained permission of the board of health, I will establish a temporary hospital for the reception of any case of plague which may occur among the men, and for the detention of suspects. This hospital will be located on ground controlled by the depot quartermaster and situated on the beach road almost halfway between here and Camp McKinley. The location is excellent, being isolated, cool, and on sandy soil. I shall visit the cases myself twice a day—taking due precautions, of course—and the chief nurse has volunteered her services in case the emergency arises. My medical supplies have arrived and I will have no difficulty in getting enough hospital corps men for the work. We have had a good deal of trouble at this hospital with the water supply since they have used so much in town during the burning of infected districts. The depot quartermaster, however, has a 5,000-gallon tank which he will put up here at once, which will give us an ample supply in the future.

Respectfully,

BLAIR D. TAYLOR,
Major and Surgeon, United States Army.

Official copy respectfully furnished the Surgeon-General Marine-Hospital Service, Treasury Department, for his information.

GEO. M. STERNBERG,
Surgeon-General United States Army.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Number of plague cases and deaths, January 17-24.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that a telegram, dated January 24, 1900, has been received from the consul-general at Honolulu, which reads as follows, viz, "Since 17th, 12 cases, 6 deaths."

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Outlook more encouraging in Honolulu.

[Telegram.]

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., *February 10, 1900.*

Carmichael reports February 2 no cases since 25th. Outlook encouraging. Seventy-four hundred people in quarantine. Stansfield arrived.

KINYOUN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Plague in Honolulu—Burning of the Chinese quarter.

HONOLULU, H. I., *January 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the plague situation here shows no improvement. New cases are being discovered from time to